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1. On 13 July 1953 an armored train was noticed on a side track of the Sibiu railroad station. The locomotive and cars had Soviet factory markings on them. The couplings of the cars bore the German factory marking "Wumag Gorlitz." The armored train consisted of four cars with rotating gun turrets with 5.5 centimeter guns, (sic), as well as light antiaircraft guns which could be lowered for horizontal fire. Machine gun turrets permitted antiaircraft as well as ground fire.
2. The armored train belongs to a unit, called the Formatia TB Nr. 7 (Heavy Armored Train Unit No. 7). The commanding officer is a Major Savelii Zingau. The armored train was inspected by the officers of the Sibiu garrison on 14 July 1953. The training of the troops assigned to the train was started on 16 July 1953.
3. On 18 July 1953 the train was at the Vintul de Jos station northwest of Sibiu, and had to return on the same day to Sibiu. It was reported at the Sibiu station that the last armored car of the train was completely destroyed and the second car damaged by an explosion of ammunition and explosives. This was assumed to have been caused by sabotage, and an investigation was immediately undertaken by the local security police.

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